

24 March, 2020

Dear Fellow Trustees,

This morning the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Trustees, took the decision shown below to increase options for Rotarians to utilize Rotary Foundations grants—including district, global, and disaster response—to support Rotary’s response to Covid-19. With this letter we are also sending you the background information considered by the Executive Committee before taking its decision.

In addition, Chair Gary would like to call a virtual meeting of all Trustees (and incoming Trustees) on Thursday, 2 April, at 0800-1000, Chicago time, to update you on this decision, other Covid-19 issues, and Foundation administrative matters. Andrew will provide you with information on how to access this meeting, but in the meantime, please let either of us know if you have any questions about the Executive Committee’s decision or topics you would like to discuss on 2 April.



Gary C.K. Huang
Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2019-20



Kenneth M. Schuppert Jr.
Vice Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2019-20

DECISION: The Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Trustees,

1. approves a special, one-time exception be given for these unprecedented circumstances to allow Covid-19 related expenses incurred since 15 March 2020 to be reimbursed through the 2020-21 district grants;
2. agrees to a waiver of the 30% foreign financing requirement for any new global grant that addresses Covid-19;
3. agrees to allow districts to designate that their DDF contributions to the Disaster Response Fund be held exclusively for Covid-19 grant activities; (This does not apply to cash contributions.)
4. effective immediately, agrees to a transfer of \$1 million from the World Fund to the Disaster Response Fund with stipulation that it be used for Covid-19 response efforts;
5. limit the number of Disaster Response grants any one district can receive for Covid-19 response to one;
6. requests the general secretary to promote this decision while encouraging contributions and transfer of DDF to the Disaster Response Fund;
7. requests the general secretary to provide the Trustees with an update on how district, disaster response, and global grants are being used for Covid-19 response at their next meeting.